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SUBJECT: ROK INTEREST IN LIBYA

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1. REPUBLIC OF KOREA MILITARY ATTACHE IN ANKARA, COL. LEE, CALLED AT EMBASSY ON APRIL 28 FOR GENERAL BRIEFING ON CURRENT LIBYAN SCENE, LEE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD MET LIBYAN CHIEF OF STAFF COL ABU BAKR YUNIS DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY IN MARCH AND HAD BEEN PROFFERED AN INVITATION TO VISIT LIBYA. LEE SAID ROK ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH SOME SORT OF OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH LIBYA BUT THUS FAR HAD NO SUCCESS. HE ALSO SAID THAT LIBYANS WERE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM KOREA BUT HE HAD INFORMED THEM THAT ARMS AND ARMAMENTS COULD NOT BE SUPPLIED. HE SAID HOWEVER THAT KOREA WAS ANXIOUS TO PROVIDE OTHER ITEMS TO LIBYA SUCH AS UNIFORM MATERIAL, TRUCKS, AND NON-LETHAL ITEMS. LIBYAN MILITARY HAD SUGGESTED VISIT TO KOREA BY MILITARY MISSION IN ORDER TO SURVEY POSSIBILITIES. LEE RECOMMENDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ISSUE AN INVITATION.

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2. COMMENT: ROK AMB IN TUNIS WAS IN TOWN DURING
TRIPOLI TRADE FAIR IN MARCH ON A SIMILAR MISSION
BUT APPARENTLY WITHOUT SUCCESS. THE PRESENCE OF
NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY HERE OBVIOUSLY WILL COMPLICATE
EFFORTS OF ROK TO ESTABLISH OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH
LIBYA.
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